

K-12 School COVID Testing Program

Public Health Nurse Webinar

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The K-12 School COVID-19 Testing Program is a voluntary program offered by the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) in partnership with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for Kentucky K-12 schools who wish to participate in school-based COVID-19 screening testing for teachers, staff, and students to assist schools in reopening safely for in-person instruction.

Laboratory service providers will supply all services and materials necessary to provide a testing service to schools who sign up and agree to the program requirements. **School nurses may assist with logistics, but the burden of testing and notification is on the laboratories.**

The link below gives details about the program:

K-12 School Covid Testing Program Website and Lab Marketplace
<https://govstatus.egov.com/K-12-kentucky-school-testing-program>

- Testing will include staff and students of Kentucky K-12, public and private, and includes school district employees and staff (contracted or otherwise), and other lab service providers, or as determined by the school administrator. Pre-K programs housed within the school are also eligible. **We have also opened to household members of the above if that individual is also receiving testing.**
- The K-12 School COVID-12 Testing Program began August 2, 2021 and will operate through the entire 2021-22 academic year. The last day specimens may be submitted for testing through this program will be June 17, 2022.
- Participation in the school-based COVID-19 screening testing program is **voluntary** and at **no cost** to the school.
- Currently, **22** approved lab service providers have been on-boarded and more are currently onboarding.

Discussion Topics

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 - [Eligibility for Testing](#)
 - [“Test to Stay”](#)
 - [Screening Testing vs Symptomatic vs Diagnostic](#)
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- [How to Sign Up “One Pager” Flowchart](#)
 - [How to Navigate the Website](#)
 - [CDC Guidance/Useful Links](#)
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Current Status

22 # of Current Labs	Total On boarded. 14/22 have reported agreements with schools. Other 8 either have no current agreements or not reported
1211 Total Schools	Total Public, Independent, and Private/Parochial individual schools (High, Middle, Elementary, Etc.) reported to me at this time
95 Total Counties	Counties with some form of K-12 testing in their county. This may only be a Private/Parochial school
32 Total Private	# Individual Private schools reported
113 Total Public	# of County public/Independent public school systems reported
116557 # of Tests	Total Test Reported to date since 7/26/2021
8592 # of Household Members	Total Number of Household Community Members tested.
3.91% Student/Staff POS Rate	Student and staff positivity rate. Calculated student/staff positive divided by total student/staff

Current School Status by ADD

Region Name	County	District Name	# of Schools within District	# of Schools within Region	Current School Participation
		Barren River District		113	77
		Big Sandy District		56	52
		Bluegrass District		301	217
		Buffalo Trace District		26	20
		Cumberland Valley District		100	32
		FIVCO District		61	34
		Gateway District		34	33
		Green River District		80	75
		Kentucky River District		58	31
		KIPDA District		253	252
		Lake Cumberland District		70	66
		Lincoln Trail District		109	86
		Northern Kentucky District		118	118
		Pennyrile District		71	51
		Purchase District		73	35
		Total		1523	1179



Eligibility:

- Student/Staff:
 - Any Student 5-18 yrs. of age or is still enrolled in K-12 school
 - Any employee, volunteer, or associate service provider of Kentucky K-12 School Systems
 - Pre-K and Preschool Students/Staff are included if embedded in a K-12 school
- Community Member:
 - Parent of Students
 - Household Members of a Student/Staff
 - “Family member” – a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together (HRSA’s definition)

Lab Service Provider Testing Guidance:

- Identifying Student/Staff:
 - Ask Students, who appear to be of school age, what school they attend. Document this as the reporting criteria.
 - Ask Staff for ID Badge or ID number, volunteers/other associated individuals document position and school system
- Community Members:
 - Document relationship and school of association or “employment”



Testing Allowed

“Test to Stay” Testing

- “Test to Stay” is an option for schools that want to implement a modified quarantine protocol for students who are exposed to COVID-19 in school. Everyone assumes “Test to stay” is a separate program, it is not a separate program or model, it is a form of diagnostic screening testing under the normal K-12 testing program.
 - “Test to Stay” is “modified quarantine” (as the CDC calls it). When a student/staff self identifies as positive (through outside testing) or is identified as positive through the screening testing program then those who are identified as “close contacts” (per CDC definition) have one of three choices:
 - 1) Quarantine at home for 10days, Monitoring for symptoms and returning to normal activities after day ten if asymptomatic, no test required.
 - 2) Quarantine at home for 7days, testing on day 5 returning to normal activities on day 8, if negative test and asymptomatic entire time.
 - 3) Quarantine at home for 7 days, however, participate in the “Test to Stay” (Modified Quarantine), testing each day via rapid antigen or every other day via PCR. Must remain asymptomatic. If each sequential test is negative then individual is allowed into the classroom for school, however, **MUST** remain in normal quarantine at all other times outside the classroom; wearing mask when outside of the home and daily monitoring for symptoms.
- **** “Test to Stay” is **ONLY ALLOWED** for classroom exposures.****

“Test to Stay” Testing

Multiple studies have shown that child-to-adult transmission of SARS-Cov-2 is not common but that adult-to-child and adult-to-adult transmission in school and childcare settings is more common. This is part of the rationale for the difference in the close contact definition (3 feet vs. 6 feet) when the contact is child-to-child (w/ masks) versus any contact that involves an adult in the same environment.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/transmission_k_12_schools.html

“Test to Stay” Testing

- Certain criteria must be met
 - Schools should coordinate with Local Health Departments (LHD); as this is a delegated decision to institute this program at the local level based on each district/county having different situational needs. LHD should be involved determine feasibility.
 - Symptom screening with temperature checks needs to be performed at time of testing and individuals identified as symptomatic should be immediately sent home from school to quarantine and follow the standard quarantine procedures.
 - Individuals who refuse to complete the daily testing should be immediately sent home from school to quarantine and follow the standard quarantine procedures.
- Recommended Criteria
 - Screening testing program should also be in place
 - Testing should occur in the mornings prior to individuals entering school system (including buses); LHD and schools will determine feasibility and adjust as their needs may require, given school circumstances
 - Testing ideally will be performed a minimum of 24hrs apart



Screening Testing vs Diagnostic vs Symptomatic



Screening Testing

- Routine
- Typically percentage based (i.e. 10 %)
- Conducted every week or every other week (Ideally)
- Needed to implement a “Test to Stay” strategy



Diagnostic Testing

- Used to determine if an exposed vaccinated individual has Covid (Recommended test day 5-7)
- Used to determine if someone exposed (quarantined) has Covid and can return early (Tested day 5, released on day 7)
- Used to determine if a quarantined individual who has developed symptoms has Covid



Symptomatic Testing

- Smallest of cohorts of individuals needing testing
- Individual should not come to school to be tested
- Ideally these individuals are at school when the symptoms develop
- We do not want parents to send kids to school just to be tested



K-12 School COVID Testing Program



Are you ready to provide COVID-19 testing in your school or school district?

- The school screening testing program is FREE
- The program requires minimal effort from schools/school districts
- The lab service providers facilitate all aspects of the testing program
- This is the a **PRO-ACTIVE** approach to testing
- **REACTIVE** testing measures (such as waiting for symptoms to begin then conducting testing) leads to increased exposure and quarantine rates

NO

YES

Step 1

Please Visit
[K-12 School COVID Testing Program](#)

Step 2

To enroll in the program
Select your county in the "Lab Marketplace"

Lab Marketplace
Find labs participating in the K-12 School COVID Testing Program by County
(select) ▼

Step 3

- Review labs servicing your area
- Choose the lab service that meets your needs

Step 4

- Contact lab to discuss your needs and their capabilities

Step 5

- Print one pager for the lab of your choice from the website to distribute to the school board, teachers, parents and any other stakeholders

Step 6

- Develop an implementation strategy
- Decide how to incorporate testing within your school or school district
- Inform parents and other stakeholders the importance of testing

Final Step

- Establish an agreement with a lab service provider
- Determine frequency of testing (weekly, bi-weekly)
- Determine volume of testing to be conducted (i.e. 10%, 25 individuals, etc.)
- Begin testing

***Labs are responsible for all services, reporting, and invoicing. Schools only need to provide access and establish volume and frequency

[K-12 School COVID Testing Program Lab Directory](#)



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K-12 Schools COVID-19 Resources

- [KDPH Guidance for K-12 School Operations for In-Person Learning](#) Updated 8/27/2021
- [CDC Checklist: Planning for In-Person Classes](#)
- [Kentucky Department of Education \(KDE\) COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Kentucky High School Athletic Association \(KHSAA\)](#)
- [K-12 School COVID Testing Program- A resource for school administrators](#)
- [Parents and Caregivers- What Is Your School Doing to Protect Child from COVID-19? \(CDC\)](#)

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K-12 School COVID Testing Program

Note: This website is intended for district superintendents and school administrators to inform them about the Commonwealth of Kentucky K-12 School COVID Testing Program funded by the United States Centers for Disease Control. If you are not a superintendent or administrator or desire information about K-12 Schools and COVID-19 please visit: [Kentucky Department for Education- COVID-19 Updates and Information for P-12 Education](#) and/or [CDC | COVID-19 Schools and Child Care Programs](#)

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KDPH has established an ongoing [request for proposals \(RFP\)](#) and contracting process for qualified laboratory service providers that school districts/schools can utilize for testing services. Additional laboratory service providers are likely to be added on a rolling basis in the early months of the program as more vendors submit proposals; please check back frequently at the start of the school year

Who is eligible for testing?

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When will testing be conducted?

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When will the school testing program begin?

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K-12 School COVID Testing Program FAQ

School Guidance

Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools | CDC

Guidance for K-12 School Operations for In-Person Learning | KDPH

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COVID Services

- Point of Care Covid-19 Testing
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- Surveillance/Screening Covid-19 Testing
- Episodic (Outbreak)
- Periodic (Scheduled i.e. 10%)
- Mobile Testing
- Pool Testing (group sampling)
- Mass testing (Routine)

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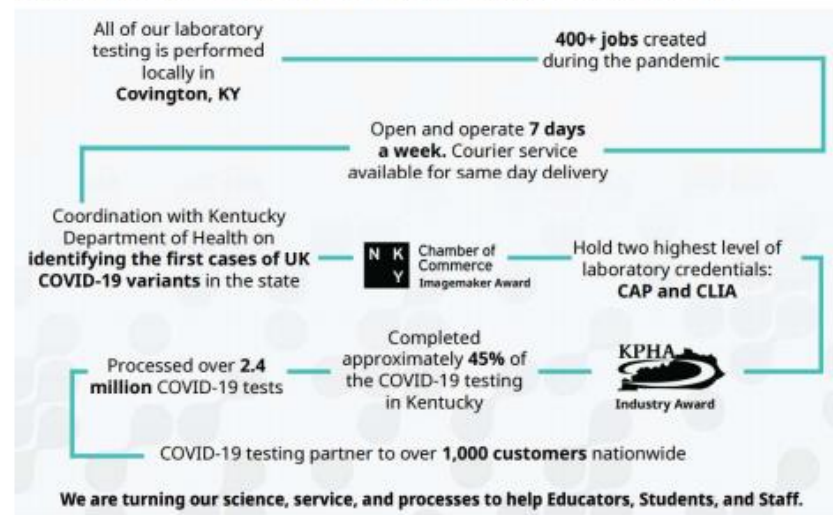
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On-site assistance: Gravity Diagnostics has a trained, dedicated team for planning and carrying out on-site testing events, including drive-throughs.

Superior turnaround time: Gravity is open and processes samples 7 days per week. We have a robust courier program which allows us to transport samples from schools to our laboratory to provide **same day results**.

Testing options: We can provide our Gold Standard PCR, pooled testing, rapid PCR testing, and rapid antigen.

Technology: Gravity has an easy-to-use platform that integrates health and safety needs for schools into one secure place. Vaccine status, test results, temperature and symptom checks, consent forms, etc.



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Aegis Sciences Corp.
AIT Laboratories
Bluewater Diagnostics
Envivo Health
Ethos Laboratories
Eurofins Genomics
Gravity Diagnostics
HealthQuest Esoterics
Hometown Pharmacy
Labtox LLC
Lexar Labs
Mako Medical Laboratories
Mountain Comprehensive
Nephron Pharmaceuticals
Pearl Medical & Diagnostic Laboratory
Premier Medical Laboratory Services
Solaris Diagnostics
Sphere DX
Vault Medical Services
Wild Health

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Our Mission: To improve the health and safety of people in Kentucky through **Prevention, Promotion, and Protection**

Our Vision: Healthier People...Healthier Communities.

Our REACH Values: Responsiveness Equity Accountability Collaboration Honesty

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- [School Testing Toolkit for COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/school-testing.html)

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